WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A cordless blind comprising:

a headrail;

a bottom rail suspended from the headrail by a first cord and a second cord;

a window covering disposed between the headrail and the bottom rail;

a drive actuator including:

a spring motor, and

a spool for accumulating the cords coupled to the spring motor; and,

a one-way tensioning mechanism, wherein the tensioning mechanism is configured to provide a resistant force on movement of one of the first and second cords in one direction.

2. The cordless blind of Claim 1, wherein the one-way tensioning mechanism comprises:

a mechanism bracket, with the mechanism bracket having a base and a first upright and a second upright coupled to the base, with each upright defining an aperture and further, each upright including a pawl, with one pawl aligned in facing relationship with the other pawl ; and,

a pulley mounted between the two uprights, with the pulley having a cylinder with a side wall on each end of the cylinder, each sidewall having an inner face and an outer face, with each outer face having a plurality of ratchet teeth configured to selectively engage the pawl on each upright.

3. The cordless blind of Claim 2, wherein the pulley is configured to move within the apertures to one of a free-wheeling position and a stopped position.

4. The cordless blind of Claim 3, wherein the aperture in the first upright is sized different from the aperture in the second upright.

5. The cordless blind of Claim 2, wherein the base and two uprights are formed as a single, integral piece.

6. The cordless blind of Claim 1, including a second one-way tensioning mechanism configured to provide a resistant force on movement in one direction of the other cord.

7. The cordless blind of Claim 1, wherein the drive actuator is mounted in the headrail.

8. A one-way tensioning mechanism in a cordless blind with the cordless blind having a headrail, a bottom rail suspended from the headrail by at least a first cord and a second cord, a window covering disposed between the headrail and the bottom rail, a drive actuator including a spring motor, and a spool for accumulating the cords coupled to the spring motor, the one-way tensioning mechanism coupled to one of the first cord and the second cord, the one-way tensioning mechanism comprising:

a mechanism bracket, with the mechanism bracket having a base and a first upright and a second upright coupled to the base, with each upright defining an aperture and further, each upright including a pawl, with one pawl aligned in facing relationship with the other pawl ; and,

a pulley mounted between the two uprights, with the pulley having a cylinder with a side wall on each end of the cylinder, each sidewall having an inner face and an outer face, with each outer face having a plurality of ratchet teeth configured to selectively engage the pawl on each upright,

wherein the tensioning mechanism is configured to provide a resistant force on movement of one of the first and second cords in one direction.

9. The one-way tensioning mechanism of Claim 8, wherein the spool is configured to move within the apertures to one of a free-wheeling position and a stopped position.

10. The one-way tensioning mechanism of Claim 9, wherein the aperture in the first upright is sized different from the aperture in the second upright.

11. The one-way tensioning mechanism of Claim 8, wherein the base and two uprights are formed as a single, integral piece.

12. The one-way tensioning mechanism of Claim 8, including a second one-way tensioning mechanism configured to provide a resistant force on movement in one direction of the other cord.

13. The one-way tensioning mechanism of Claim 8, wherein the drive actuator is mounted in the headrail.

14. A cordless blind comprising:

a headrail;

a bottom rail suspended from the headrail by a first cord and a second cord;

a window covering disposed between the headrail and the bottom rail;

a means for actuating coupled to the cords; and,

a means for providing a resistant force on movement of one of the first and second cords in one direction.

15. The cordless blind of Claim 14, wherein means for providing a resistant force comprises:

a means for supporting, including a means for engaging; and,

a means for tensioning coupled to the means for supporting, with the means for tensioning configured to selectively engage the means for engaging.

16. The cordless blind of Claim 15, wherein the means for tensioning is configured to move within the means for supporting to one of a free-wheeling position and a stopped position.

17. The cordless blind of Claim 16, wherein the means for supporting includes a first aperture and a second aperture with the first aperture sized different from the second aperture.

18. The cordless blind of Claim 14, including a second means for tensioning configured to provide a resistant force on movement in one direction of the other cord.

19. The cordless blind of Claim 14, wherein the means for actuating is mounted in the headrail.

20. The cordless blind of Claim 14, including at least one additional means for actuating mounted in the headrail and coupled to the cords.

21. A method of providing a resistant force in a cordless blind, the method comprising:

providing a cordless blind, the blind having a headrail, a bottom rail suspended from the headrail by a first cord and a second cord, a window covering disposed between the headrail and the bottom rail, a drive actuator including a spring motor and spool for accumulating the cords;

installing a one-way tensioning mechanism;

winding one of the first cord and second cord around a pulley, having a plurality of ratchet teeth, mounted in the one-way tensioning mechanism; and

providing at least one pawl on the tensioning mechanism, with the pawl aligned to selectively engage the ratchet teeth of the pulley;

wherein the pulley is configured to move within the tensioning mechanism to one of a free-wheeling position and a stopped position.

22. The method of claim 21, including the steps of installing a second one-way tensioning mechanism and winding the other of the first and second cord around a second pulley, having a plurality of ratchet teeth, mounted in the second one-way tensioning mechanism.

23. The method of claim 21, wherein the one-way tensioning mechanism is mounted in the headrail.

24. A cordless blind comprising:

a headrail;

a bottom rail operatively coupled to the headrail with at least one cord;

a window covering disposed between the headrail and the bottom rail; and

a pulley operatively engaged with the cord and being rotatable in only one direction.

25. The cordless blind of claim 24, wherein the pulley is mounted in a mechanism bracket, with the bracket configured for the pulley to move to one of a free-wheeling position and a stopped position.

26. The cordless blind of claim 24, including a second cord attached to the bottom rail and operatively coupled to the headrail; and a second pulley operatively engaged with the second cord and being rotatable in only one direction.

27. The cordless blind of claim 24, wherein the pulley is mounted in the headrail.

28. A cordless blind comprising:

a headrail;

a bottom rail operatively coupled to the headrail with at least one cord;

a window covering disposed between the headrail and the bottom rail; and

a tensioner operatively engaged with the cord applying a first frictional force opposing movement of the cord in only one direction.

29. The cordless blind of claim 27, including a second cord operatively coupled to the bottom rail and headrail; and a second tensioner operatively engaged with the second cord applying a second frictional force opposing movement of the second cord in only one direction.

30. The cordless blind of claim 28, wherein the tensioner is mounted in the headrail.